

STATE OF TEXAS :
COUNTY OF HOWARD :
CITY OF BIG SPRING :

The City Council of the City of Big Spring, Texas, met in a Regular Meeting in the City Council Chambers located at 307 E. 4th St., Big Spring, Texas, at 5:30 PM, May 26, 2026, with the following members present in person:

MAYOR ROBERT MOORE
MAYOR PRO TEM DIANE YANEZ
COUNCIL MEMBER HOMER WILKERSON
COUNCIL MEMBER DANIEL MORENO
COUNCIL MEMBER GLORIA BLACKBURN
COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPHINE OCHOA
COUNCIL MEMBER GARY GILLIHAN

Same and constituting a quorum, for which four Council Members must be present; and the following staff in person;

TODD DARDEN	City Manager
JOHN MEDINA	Assistant City Manager
ANDREW HAGEN	City Attorney
SHANE BOWLES	Public Works Director
CHAD WILLIAMS	Police Chief
JAY HOLT	Fire Chief
MIKE FEELEY	Airpark Director
SANDY SMITH	Finance Director
SUSAN HIMES	Community Services Director
TAMI DAVIS	City Secretary
MANDY HAYNES	Municipal Judge

Open Session

Call to Order

Mayor Moore called the City Council meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Invocation

Jesus Ochoa, Family Faith, gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag and to the Texas State Flag

Mayor Moore led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag and to the Texas State Flag.

Public Comment

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There were comments made at this time.

Announcements, Presentations and Public Hearings

Open Public Hearing

MOTION WAS MADE BY Mayor Moore to open the below captioned public hearing, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Yanez.

**YEAS: Mayor Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Yanez, Council Member Wilkerson, 7
Council Member Moreno, Council Member Blackburn, Council Member
Ochoa, Council Member Gillihan**

NAYS: None 0

MOTION PASSED

PUBLIC HEARING - Regarding a Zone Change (ZC26-02) for 200 NE 8th Street from Neighborhood Services (NS) to Single Family-3 (SF-3) Zoning for a 0.179 Acre Tract of Land Lying In and Being in the Section 42, Block 32, T-1-N Tract 34 William B Currie, T&P RR Co Survey in Big Spring, Howard County, TX

Shane Bowles, Public Works Director, explained the above captioned zone change that was approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission for the applicant to put a mobile home on the property.

Close Public Hearing

MOTION WAS MADE BY Mayor Moore to close the above captioned public hearing, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Yanez.

**YEAS: Mayor Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Yanez, Council Member Wilkerson, 7
Council Member Moreno, Council Member Blackburn, Council Member
Ochoa, Council Member Gillihan**

NAYS: None 0

MOTION PASSED

City Manager's Report

City Manager's report on the following items:

- Update Large Item Pickup, District 5
- Russ McEwen Aquatic Center Open, May 30th

Todd Darden, City Manager, reported on the above listed items as follows: Large item pickup for District 5 picked up 13.75 tons of items; and the Russ McEwen Aquatic Center will open for the summer on May 30th.

Consent Items

Approval of the City Council Minutes for the Regular Meeting of May 12, 2026

Final Reading of a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager or His Designee to Enter into a Multiple-Use Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation Allowing the Installation and Operation of Automated License Plate Recognition Cameras in Texas Department of Transportation Right-of-Way; and Providing an Effective Date

Final Reading of a Resolution Reauthorizing the Tax Abatement Guidelines and Criteria; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date

MOTION WAS MADE BY Council Member Wilkerson to approve the above captioned minutes and resolutions, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Yanez.

- **One citizen asked to remove one of the resolutions from the consent items to vote on separately. No Council Member changed the above captioned motion and all items were voted on together.**

YEAS: Mayor Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Yanez, Council Member Wilkerson, Council Member Blackburn, Council Member Ochoa, Council Member Gillihan **6**

NAYS: Council Member Moreno

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MOTION PASSED

Vouchers

Vouchers for 05/08/26 \$ 507,160.04

Vouchers for 05/15/26 \$ 1,953,399.16

Council Member Blackburn reviewed the above captioned vouchers.

MOTION WAS MADE BY Council Member Blackburn to approve the above captioned vouchers, seconded by Council Member Wilkerson.

YEAS: Mayor Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Yanez, Council Member Wilkerson, Council Member Moreno, Council Member Blackburn, Council Member Ochoa, Council Member Gillihan **7**

NAYS: None

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MOTION PASSED

New Business

First Reading of an Ordinance Granting a Partial Ad Valorem Tax Exemption for Tax Year 2025 for the Homestead of any Married or Unmarried Adult; Finding and Determining that the Meetings at Which the Ordinance was discussed were Open to the

Public as Required by Law; Providing for Severability; Providing for Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances; Providing for Publication; and Providing an Effective Date

MOTION WAS MADE BY Mayor Moore to approve the above captioned ordinance, seconded by Council Member Wilkerson.

YEAS: Mayor Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Yanez, Council Member Wilkerson, Council Member Moreno, Council Member Blackburn, Council Member Ochoa, Council Member Gillihan 7

NAYS: None 0

MOTION PASSED

First Reading of an Ordinance Authorizing a Zone Change, ZC26-02, Amending the Big Spring Zoning Ordinance by Rezoning Approximately 0.179 Acre Tract of Land Lying In and Being in the Section 42, Block 32, T-1-N Tract 34 William B. Currie, T&P RR Co Survey in Big Spring, Howard County, TX also Known as 200 NE 8th Street from Neighborhood Service (NS) to Single Family-3 (SF-3); Providing for Repeal of Conflicting Legislation; Providing for Severability; Finding and Determining that the Meetings at Which the Ordinance was Discussed were Open to the Publi as Required by Law; and Providing an Effective Date

MOTION WAS MADE BY Council Member Wilkerson to approve the above captioned ordinance, seconded by Council Member Gillihan.

YEAS: Mayor Moore, Council Member Wilkerson, Council Member Blackburn, Council Member Ochoa, Council Member Gillihan 5

NAYS: Mayor Pro Tem Yanez, Council Member Moreno 2

MOTION PASSED

Consideration and Possible Action to Approve an Agreement with the YMCA for Lifeguard Services at the Russ McEwen Family Aquatic Center and Authorizing the City Manager or His Designee to Execute any Necessary Documents

MOTION WAS MADE BY Mayor Pro Tem Yanez to approve the above captioned agreement, seconded by Council Member Gillihan.

YEAS: Mayor Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Yanez, Council Member Wilkerson, Council Member Moreno, Council Member Blackburn, Council Member Ochoa, Council Member Gillihan 7

NAYS: None 0

MOTION PASSED

Consideration and Possible Action to Authorize the Mayor to Execute a Tax Deed for the Sale of Real Property Located on Lot Four (4), Block Four (4), Monticello Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, Commonly Known as 1202 Michael Avenue, Which is Held by the City of Big Spring, in Trust, to Joshua C. Walker.

MOTION WAS MADE BY Council Member Wilkerson to approve the above captioned sale in the amount of \$2,950.00, seconded by Mayor Pro Yanez.

YEAS: Mayor Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Yanez, Council Member Wilkerson, 7

Council Member Moreno, Council Member Blackburn, Council Member Ochoa, Council Member Gillihan
NAYS: None

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MOTION PASSED

Consideration and Possible Action to Authorize the Mayor to Execute a Tax Deed for the Sale of Real Property Located on South 112.9 Feet of the West Half (W/2) of Lot Nine (9), Block Ninety-nine (99), Original Town of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, Commonly Known as 631 Sargent Paredes, Which is Held by the City of Big Spring, in Trust, to Gregory Cruz.

MOTION WAS MADE BY Council Member Wilkerson to approve the above captioned sale in the amount of \$2,001.00, seconded by Council Member Ochoa.

YEAS: Mayor Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Yanez, Council Member Wilkerson, Council Member Moreno, Council Member Blackburn, Council Member Ochoa, Council Member Gillihan

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NAYS: None

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MOTION PASSED

Boards and Committees

Consideration and Possible Action to Reappoint the Below Listed Board Members:

CRMWD Board of Directors - Effective June 1, 2026

Dr. John Myers

Joel De La Garza

MOTION WAS MADE BY Council Member Wilkerson to appoint the above captioned members to the CRMWD Board of Directors, seconded by Council Member Gillihan.

YEAS: Mayor Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Yanez, Council Member Wilkerson, Council Member Moreno, Council Member Blackburn, Council Member Ochoa, Council Member Gillihan

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NAYS: None

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MOTION PASSED

Council Input

Input

Mayor Pro Tem Yanez would like to tour Downtown regarding some complaints on some buildings.

Council Member Gillihan thanked Todd for fixing a fire hydrant.

Council Member Moreno would like to meet with Oncor regarding more lighting on Birdwell Lane.

Adjourn

Mayor Moore adjourned the City Council meeting at 5:55 p.m.



Robert H. Moore III, Mayor

ATTEST:



Tami L. Davis, City Secretary